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CPYRGHT DODD DEFENDS CIA
IN SENATE SPEECH

WASHINGTON—Senator Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., told the Senate that the "Central Intelligence Agency is criticized much too freely and at the slightest, flimsiest provocation by all too many of our 'leading opinion makers' in both public and private life."

The senator added: "The sputtering indignation of the past week over the fact that the CIA has been doing what it should do, would be amusing were it not illustrative of an appalling lack of understanding of the proper functions of an intelligence agency in a cold war situation."

"For the CIA to help finance these various activities is not indicative of a diseased society. It is rather a sign that a healthy society is taking the pragmatic action that is necessary to preserve itself in a difficult, demanding and often tumultuous world."

"The feeling that the CIA can do no right is all too prevalent in our country today."